

FIG. 1
(PRIOR ART)

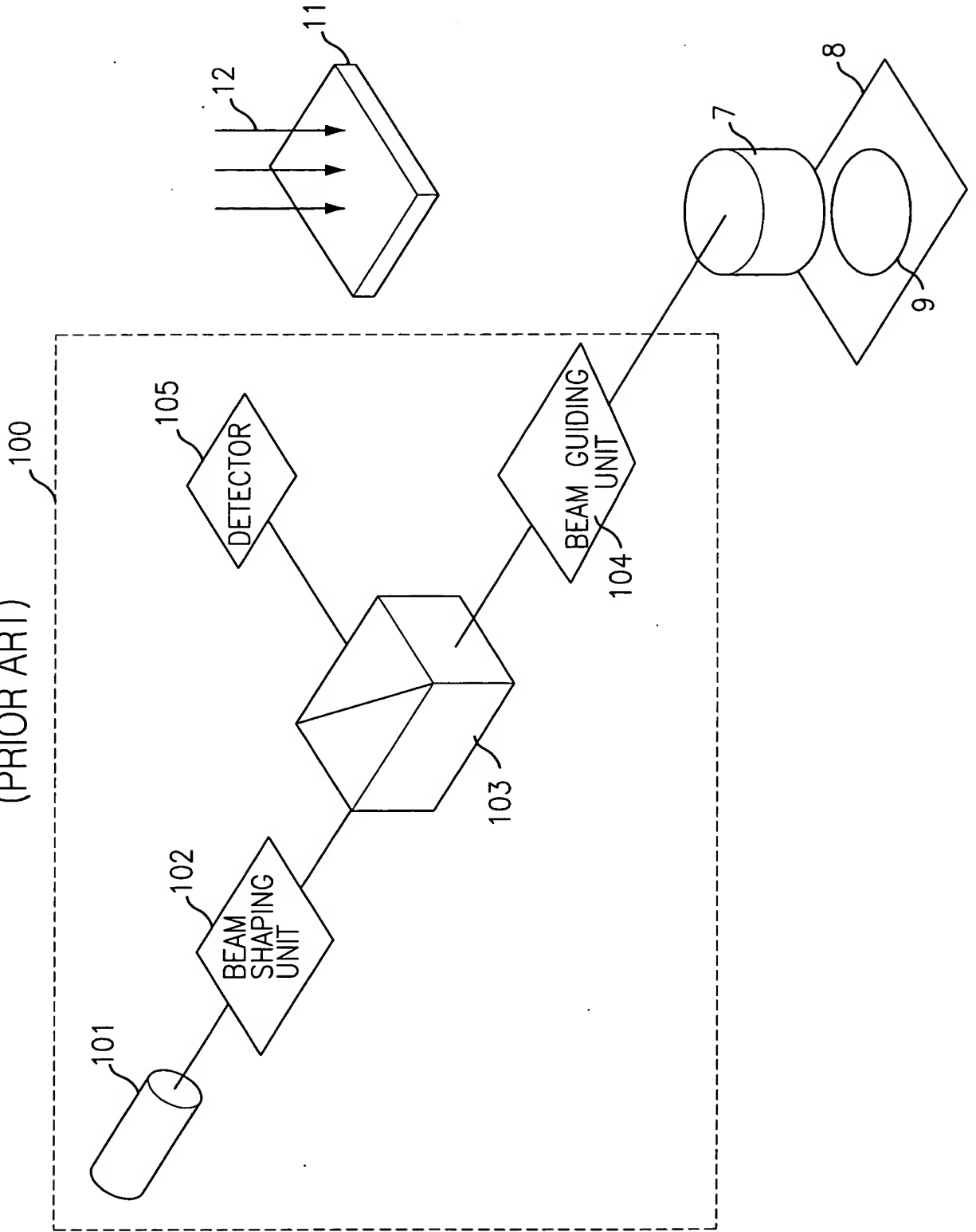


FIG. 2
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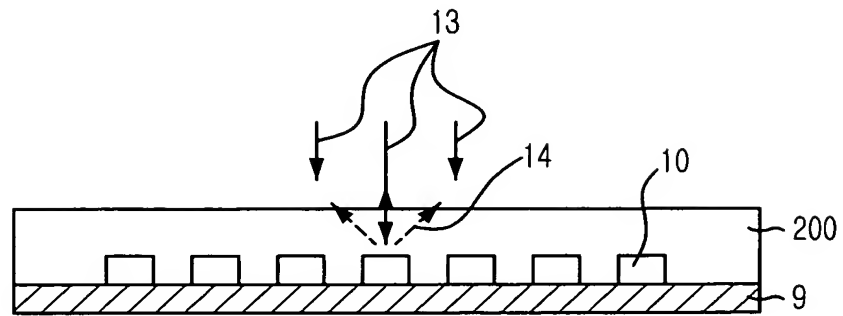


Figure 1 consists of two views of a substrate 30. View (A) is a cross-sectional view showing a patterned layer 31 on the substrate 30. The layer 31 has a wavy top surface 32. A dashed line 33 indicates the interface between the layer 31 and the substrate 30. A hatched rectangular region 34 is shown within the layer 31. Arrows 35, 36, 37, 38, and 39 indicate various directions or forces. A cylindrical object 40 is shown above the substrate. View (B) is a plan view showing the layout of the patterned layer 31. The layer 31 is divided into rectangular regions 32. A hatched rectangular region 34 is shown within one of the regions 32. The width of the hatched region 34 is labeled as 'w'. Arrows A and A' indicate the direction of the view.

FIG. 4

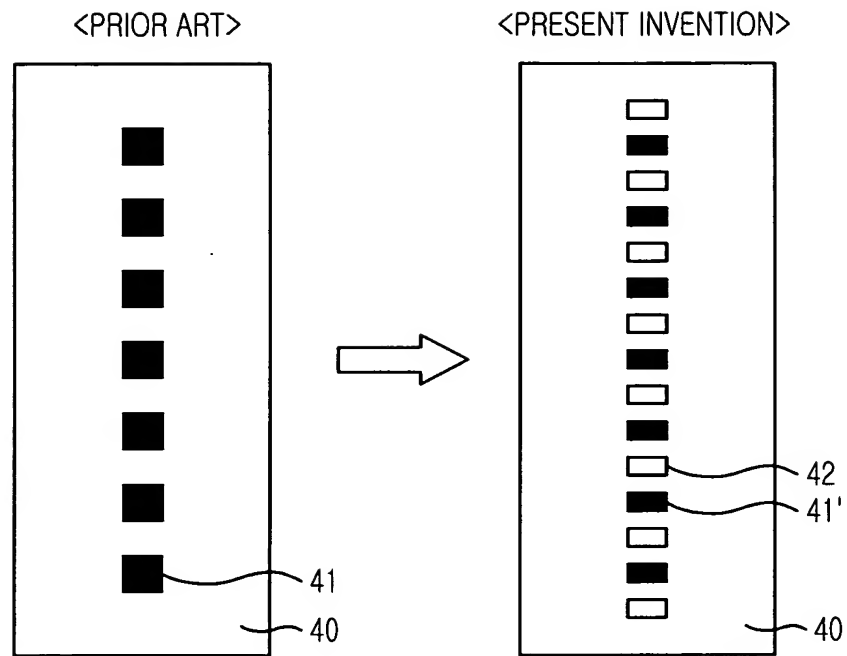


FIG. 5

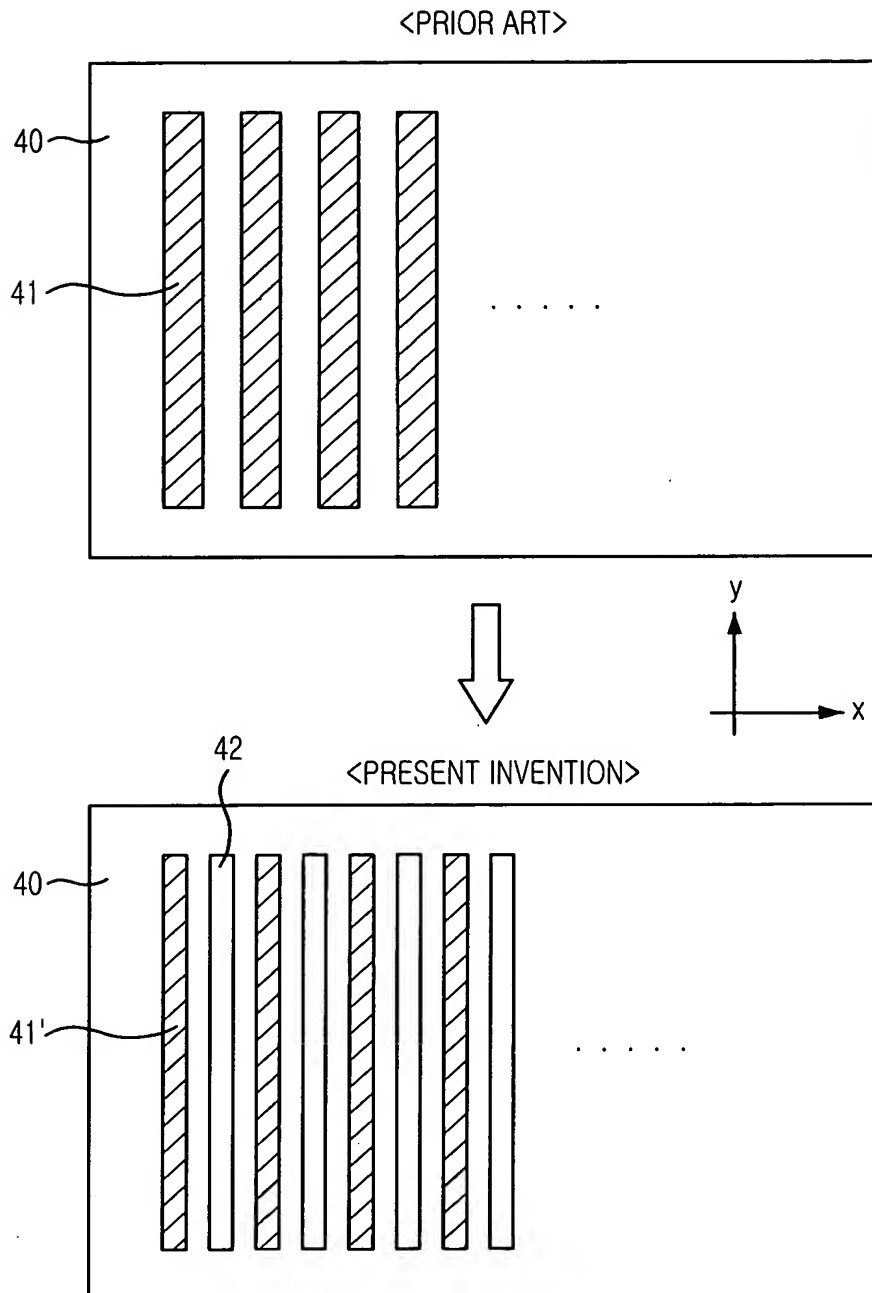


FIG. 6

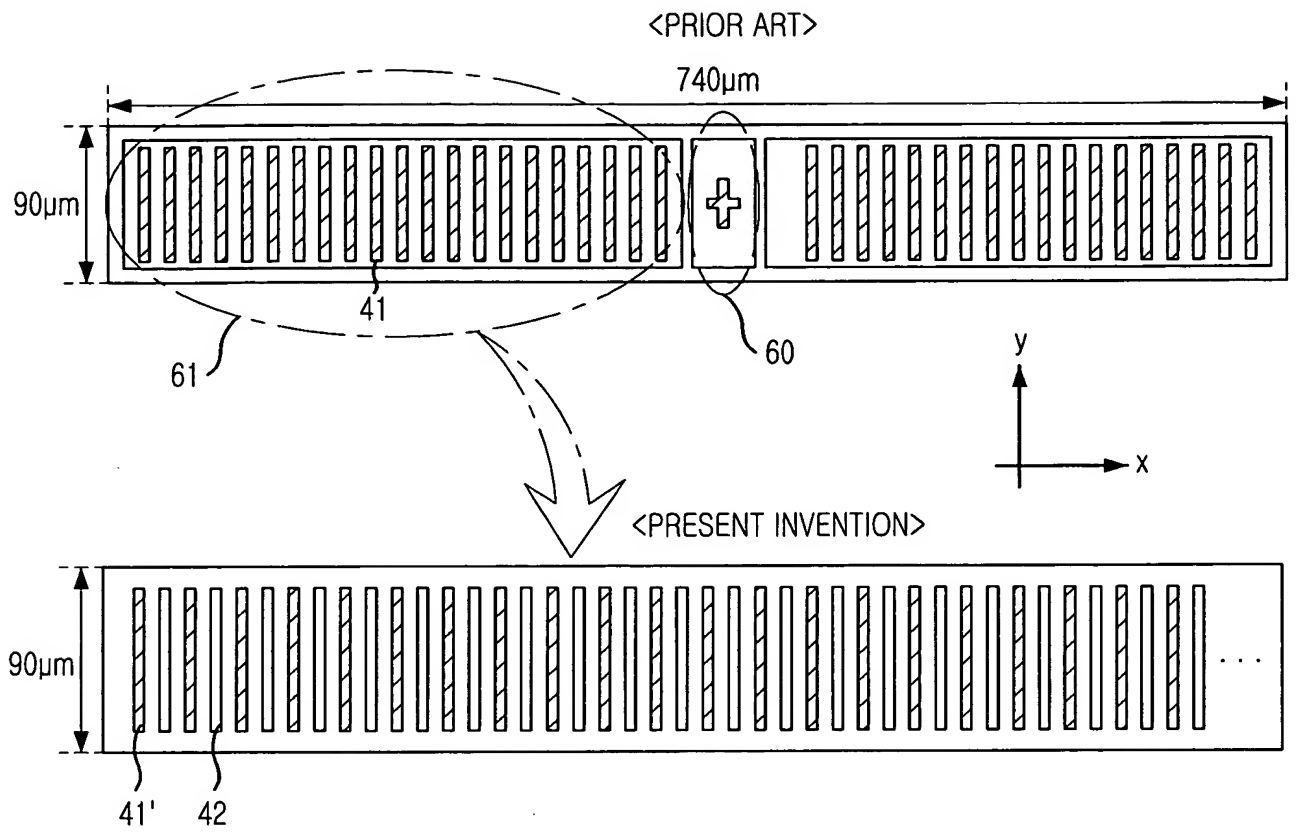


FIG. 7

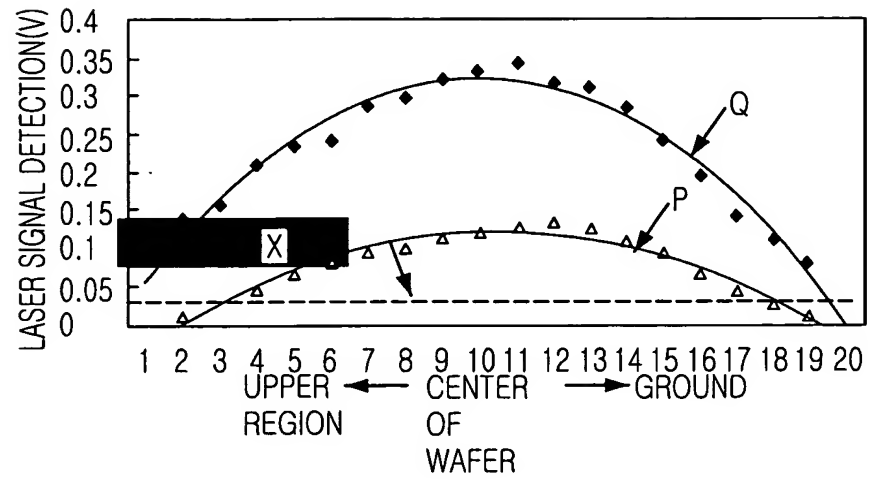


FIG. 8A
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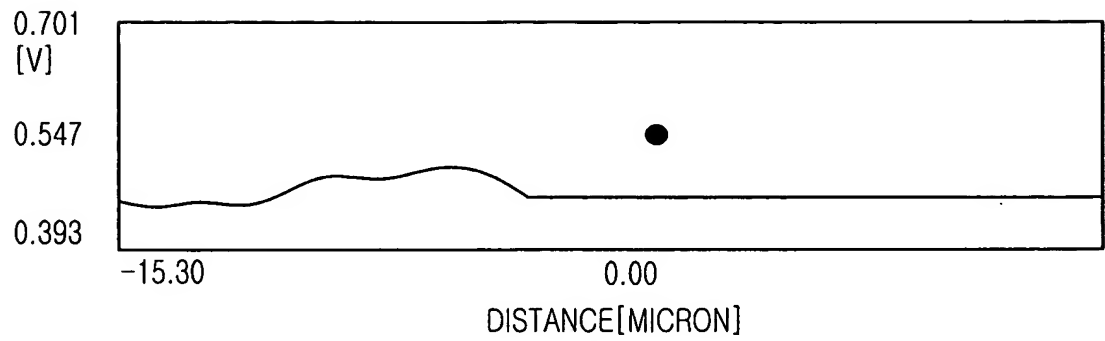


FIG. 8B

